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## TASK FORCE ON TRIAL COURT EMPLOYEES TO MEET IN RIVERSIDE SEPTEMBER 21-22, 1999

San Francisco — The Task Force on Trial Court Employees is set to hold a working and educational session in Riverside, California, from Tuesday, September 21 through Wednesday, September 22, 1999. All meetings are open to the public. The two-day session will begin with a public comment period for trial court employees and other interested parties.

The task force meeting will be held at the Mission Inn, 3649 Mission Inn Avenue, Riverside. The September 21 meeting is scheduled to run from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., beginning with a public comment period from 10:00 to 10:30 a.m. Interested speakers should arrive by 9:45 a.m. The September 22 meeting is from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Limited seating is available for members of the public.

The task force is chaired by Justice James A. Ardaiz, Administrative Presiding Justice of the Court of Appeal, Fifth Appellate District (Fresno). Established by the Trial Court Funding Act of 1997, the statewide task force is charged with developing and recommending a personnel structure for trial court employees.

The task force meeting has the following objectives:

- To provide an opportunity for communication through the public comment period;
- To review final assumptions, objectives, and models for:

- 1. Defined benefit retirement,
- 2. Deferred compensation,
- 3. Benefits,
- 4. Accrued leave,
- 5. Meet and confer, and
- 6. Employment protection;
- To finalize transition assumptions, objectives, and model;
- To identify any outstanding issues for purposes of the second interim report;
- To agree on needed modifications to the draft of the second interim report;
- To provide updates on the trial court employee survey; and
- To agree on meeting dates for the task force to review draft legislation.

More information about the task force and upcoming meetings can be found on the task force's Web site at www2.courtinfo.ca.gov/tcemployees.

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